

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Please amend claims 8 and 14, and add new claims 15 and 16 as follows:

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-7 (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) A method of identifying and registering persons based on pre-existing identification data, in particular for Internet applications, comprising the processing steps of:

a) defining a URL/domain name system in accordance with a pre-existing structure and pre-existing identification data, from a defined discrete system of pre-existing identification data apart from the Internet stored in at least one database,

b) formulating URL/domain name notation rules in accordance with the defined system of pre-existing identification data, and

c) designating codes and the associated URLs/domain names on the basis of the defined system of pre-existing identification data and in accordance with the formulated URL/domain name notation rules, and implementing at least a part of the URLs/domain names in the Internet.

9. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the method also comprises the processing steps of:

d) registering data of persons,

e) creating a data carrier on the basis of the registered data, and

f) linking the data carrier to a specific URL/domain name.

10. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 9, wherein the method further comprises the processing step of:

g) making specific URLs/domain names accessible to the public.

11. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 9, wherein the method further comprises the processing step of:

- h) providing services by means of a data carrier.

12. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 9, wherein the method further comprises the processing steps of:

- i) incorporating registered data of persons in data files,
- j) incorporating the data files in a search system, and
- k) providing an interface with search options for generating results on request as a response to a query.

13. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the method is applied within specific Top Level Domains and/or Sub Level Domains.

14. (Currently Amended) An assembly of hardware and software for identifying and registering persons based on pre-existing identification data, in particular for Internet applications, comprising the processing steps of:

- a) defining a URL/domain name system in accordance with a pre-existing structure and pre-existing identification data, from a defined discrete system of pre-existing identification data apart from the Internet stored in at least one database,[-]

- b) formulating URL/domain name notation rules in accordance with the defined system of pre-existing identification data, and

- c) designating codes and the associated URLs/domain names on the basis of the defined system of pre-existing identification data and in accordance with the formulated URL/domain name notation rules, and implementing at least a part of the URLs/domain names in the Internet, the assembly comprising:

a network of servers for designating and making available the URLs/domain names,

at least one database coupled to the network of servers and having registered data of persons of URLs/domain names, and

hardware and software for inputting, localizing and presenting the registered data.

15. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the structure is one of:

a host, a sub-level domain, and a top-level domain with dots;

a host, a sub-level domain, and a top-level domain with dashes; and

a host, a sub-level domain, and a top-level domain followed by a separator character and after which is placed a country code, area code or telephone number of the subscriber to be visited.

16. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the structure is one of:

a host, a sub-level domain, and a top-level domain with dots;

a host, a sub-level domain, and a top-level domain with dashes; and

a host, a sub-level domain, and a top-level domain followed by a separator character and after which is placed a country code, area code or telephone number of the subscriber to be visited.